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GUINGOUIN'S REASONS FOR RESIGNING  
AS MUNICIPAL COUNCILOR OF LIMOGES

[This report summarizes two articles which appeared in the Paris newspapers Le Figaro of 14 January 1953 and Le Monde of 15 January 1953, giving Georges Guingouin's reasons for resigning as Communist municipal councilor of Limoges.]

According to Le Figaro, Georges Guingouin's unexpected letter of resignation was presented to the municipal council of Limoges on 13 January 1953, by Mayor Beutoulle. Guingouin explained, Le Figaro stated, that because he had not obeyed Communist orders to attack Limoges during the war, and because he had been accused of misusing Communist funds, he had become suspect.

Le Monde reported that Guingouin complained that the party had no case against him and had resorted to slandering him in public. He charged that he was excluded from the party in a "sly maneuver," according to Le Monde, and he explained that because his own cell would not exclude him, the party ordered another cell, of which he had never been a member, to do so.

Guingouin gave a long history of his wartime and postwar activities in Le Monde's article. Le Monde quoted him as saying that because he had been attacked before the citizens of Limoges, he considered it his duty to "defend himself politically."

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